

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled).

22. (Previously presented) A composition of the formula:

- 5 (a) $\text{H}-F_m-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{S}_n-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{O}-\text{H}$; or
(b) $\text{H}-\text{Z}-\text{A}-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{S}_n-(\text{CH}_2)_2-F^l_{(m+1)}-\text{O}-\text{A}-\text{Z}^1-\text{H}$,

wherein

C, O, H and S have their normal meaning of carbon, oxygen and sulfur;

n is at least 2 and not more than about 8;

10 F is of the formula $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{S}_n-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{O}-\text{A}-$;

F^l is of the formula $-\text{O}-\text{A}-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{S}_n-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$;

m is at least 1;

Z and Z^1 are the same or different and are oxy or amino; and

A is a fatty acid dimer residue.

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Claims 23-27. (Cancelled).